

# Sea of Cortez, Mexico



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# Tour Summary

Just 100 miles from the southwestern border of the United States, Las Animas Wilderness Retreat is on the shores of the Sea of Cortez. "Mexico's Galapagos" is so remote you must take a small plane and then a boat just to reach it. World-class fishing (some say the best in the world), snorkeling, whales, dolphins, birds, yurt-living, margaritas and sunset over a beach without electricity or hotels is worth the trouble. Only 20 guests at a time enjoy the magic of a place John Steinbeck called "miraculous." Ever swim with a 16-foot whale shark? Here, it's a piece of cake.

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# Introduction





The Sea of Cortez, lying between the Baja Peninsula and mainland Mexico,



is still one of the most unspoiled, pristine, little-known, and strikingly beautiful bodies of water on the planet.



It is filled with 900 islands, only one of which is inhabited,



and although its west shoreline has very few hotels, restaurants, casinos, or resorts,





the sea itself is teeming with life. There are a dozen species of whales,



thousands of dolphins and sea lions,



sea birds unique to the area, more than 900  
species of vertebrates,



and 2000 species of invertebrates. It is biologically



the richest body of water on the planet



and is brimming with a robust food chain,  
from the smallest plankton to the largest  
Blue whale.



In 1940, when John Steinbeck arrived on an expedition with marine biologist Ed Ricketts, he wrote, "everything ate everything else with a furious exuberance." It has hardly changed since then.

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